

**June 21, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Dome Magazine: Eric Freedman: Many are Called, and I Wasn't Chosen**

"I was, for a few minutes, Juror No. 4. After more than 35 years reporting about courts and the justice system, I landed in a jury box with the prospect of becoming a participant, not a mere observer, at a murder trial.... [As] brief as my jury service was, I did make it further than a number of those at the top of the justice system, so I'm in good company."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Appeals Court reverses order to reveal names of Detroit EM candidates**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals reversed an Ingham County judge's order that an aide to Gov. Rick Snyder produce the names of 20 other Detroit emergency manager candidates who were interviewed, according to a ruling released late Thursday. The three-judge panel said labor activist Robert Davis failed to 'show that the disclosure of the candidates' names is relevant to establishing violations of the Open Meetings Act.' "

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: E-mails show Kevyn Orr, loan board had interview questions in advance**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Appeals Court reverses disclosure orders in Detroit emergency manager lawsuit**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Appeals Court reverses Ingham County Court in Detroit EM disclosure**

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### **The Detroit News: Michigan's prison sentencing guidelines to be reviewed**

"A bipartisan review of Michigan's stringent prison sentencing guidelines will be conducted for the first time since they were adopted in 1998, Gov. Rick Snyder and other top state political leaders announced Thursday.... House and Senate leaders have signed on to the effort, as well as Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young Jr."

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### **Detroit Free Press: Nominations sought for Michigan judge award**

"Got a favorite judge? The Michigan Judges Association is accepting nominations for its annual Judicial Excellence Award, named in honor of the late Hilda Gage, a judge in Oakland County and on the appeals court.... The deadline is July 19."

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**Also see:**

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### **Associated Press: Nominations sought for Mich. judge award**

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**Note: The article also ran in WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.**

## **Detroit Legal News: Nominations sought for Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award**

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## **Detroit Free Press: Feedback: DHS director defends record, says agency helping Michigan families**

DHS Director Maura Corrigan writes "In her June 14 commentary in the Detroit Free Press, state Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Detroit states that at the Michigan Department of Human Services, 'decisions affecting our vulnerable families are recklessly putting families at greater risk.' Nothing could be further from the truth."

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Mike Duggan for governor? Talk has begun**

"... [Mike] Duggan, a former Wayne County prosecutor and deputy executive, said Wednesday he would not appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court a state Court of Appeals ruling that he had not been a Detroit resident long enough to run for mayor."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Detroit Legal News: Mike Duggan: No more appeals will be made in mayoral ballot fight (second article)**

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Court rules Duggan's name comes off ballot**

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## **Associated Press: Michigan Supreme Court says police chief immune**

"A divided Michigan Supreme Court has thrown out a lawsuit against a Thumb community's police chief over an arrest at a beer tent. The court issued a 3-2 ruling Thursday saying that then-Port Sanilac Chief Rodney Jaskowski was immune to a civil suit when he arrested a drummer at a 2008 summer fundraiser for a volunteer fire department."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer and the Midland Daily News.**

## **The Daily Tribune: Big pay day possible for ex-city clerk in tax flap**

"Leaders of a western Michigan city are upset over a court ruling that could lead to the payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in back pay to a clerk who was fired over a property tax exemption on her home. The Michigan appeals court said a judge wrongly threw out an arbitrator's decision that was in Jennifer French's favor."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Morning Sun.**

## **Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court axes circuit judge for misconduct (second article)**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has ousted a Wayne County judge for forging her lawyer's signature on divorce papers and lying under oath. The state's top court ruled Wednesday that Judge Deborah Ross Adams deserved more serious penalties than recommended by a state judicial review panel."

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Legal News: Street Outreach Court marks first anniversary**

"Street Outreach Court Detroit (SOCD) is hosting a 'One-Year Anniversary Celebration' on June 25 at 2 p.m. at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1264 Meldrum in Detroit. Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller of 36th District Court was one of the founders of the program and is proud of what it has accomplished."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: SBM heralds legislative passage of Indigent Criminal Defense Reform**

"The Michigan Legislature has taken a major step forward in assuring the constitutional rights of persons accused of crimes in Michigan, according to the State Bar of Michigan. House Bill 4529 and Senate Bill 301 received strong bipartisan support, established the first statewide standards for indigent defense in Michigan, and created a foundation for fair and adequate funding statewide."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Return Trip: Former addict tells of 'long road back'**

"Here is a story of recovery and redemption, a harrowing true-life tale that stirred emotions among those who attended a fund-raising reception for The RESTORE Foundation June 3.... Retired Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick, now the director of The RESTORE Foundation, said [Shea's] success story is a testimony to the value of 'therapeutic jurisprudence,' which is at the heart of the drug court concept."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News and the Washtenaw County Legal News.**

### **Ingham County Legal News: ImageSoft's TrueFiling manager selected by SCAO for statewide e-filing**

"... ImageSoft's TrueFiling Electronic Filing Manager (EFM) was selected by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for a statewide e-filing initiative in Michigan. This decision means that a central e-filing platform will be available to all courts throughout the state including District, Circuit, Probate, Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Attorney Joseph J. Baumann named Michigan Supreme Court's General Counsel**

"DeWitt attorney Joseph J. Baumann, who has served as counsel to the state House of Representatives Majority Caucus and deputy legal counsel to the Department of Community Health, has been named General Counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court announced."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Justice: Work to improve judicial selection process**

"'If asked to describe what they do, judges will invariably say that they apply the law and they call balls and strikes,' said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack in a speech at the Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Michigan Annual Meeting held recently in Lansing."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

### **The MiLW Blog: Supreme Court reinstates delivery charge against medical marijuana patient**

"A Michigan Medical Marijuana Act patient who transferred a small amount of the drug to another MMA patient can be tried on a charge of delivering marijuana, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled. The high court's order reversed the Michigan Court of Appeals in *People v. Green*."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Association celebrates 20th anniversary**

"The Chaldean American Bar Association (CABA) hosted its 20th Anniversary Celebration & Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, June 6, at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. [Among those attending were keynote speaker Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano and Macomb County Circuit Court Chief Judge John Foster.]"

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### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Inside the FBI probe of former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway**

"Normally, reporters follow the FBI's investigations. But recently, it was the feds following 7 Action News. The top man at Detroit's FBI gave an exclusive interview to WXYZ investigator Ross Jones, taking him inside their probe of former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway."

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